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SUBJ: TRAVEL OF SENATOR PERCY

1. FONSEC SHAHI INFORMED ME WITH DEEP REGRET AUGUST 16 THAT A SINGLE SHOT HAD BEEN FIRED AT CARAVAN OF TWO MINIBUSES TRANSPORTING SENATOR PERCY AND 16 FAMILY MEMBERS IN HIS PRIVATE PARTY IN VICINITY OF SAIDU SHERIF (SWAT). PERCY PARTY WAS TRAVELING BY ROAD TO GILGIT, HAVING DEPARTED RAWALPINDI AFTERNOON AUGUST 14 BY CAR WHEN BAD WEATHER HAD CAUSED CANCELLATION OF SCHEDULED FLIGHTS. ACCORDING SHAHI, BULLET APPARENTLY HIT MUDGUARD OR HEADLIGHT OF ONE VEHICLE BUT CAUSED NO OTHER DAMAGE OR PERSONAL INJURY. I HAVE SUBSEQUENTLY BEEN INFORMED BY PAK CIVIL OFFICIAL IN GILGIT THAT ENTIRE PERCY PARTY HAD ARRIVED THERE NIGHT AUGUST 15 AND WERE ALL IN GOOD HEALTH AND SPIRITS. I HAVE BEEN ATTEMPTING TO REACH PERCY DIRECTLY BUT THUS FAR UNSUCCESSFULLY BECAUSE OF POOR TELEPHONE CONNECTIONS. PAK CHIEF OF PROTOCOL SAEED, WHO HAD GONE TO GILGIT SEPARATELY TO BE WITH PERCY PARTY, HAS SENT WORD THAT SENATOR REQUESTED NO PUBLICITY BE GIVEN TO FIRING INCIDENT. WE HAVE NO INFORMATION AS TO SOURCE

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OF FIRING BUT PRESUME IT OCCURRED IN DESERTED AREA AND

WAS NOT IN ANY WAY INTENDED DELIBERATELY AGAINST
SENATOR PERCY AS SUCH BUT WAS RATHER ACT OF RANDOM
LAWLESSNESS SUCH AS OCCASIONALLY OCCURS IN REGION.

2. WILL REPORT FURTHER WHEN WE HAVE MORE NEWS.
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